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*Whereas, Canada is the largest foreign trade partner for the United States, and the largest foreign trade partner for 34 states, including Indiana;*

*Whereas, Indiana sells more to Canada than to the state's next seven largest foreign markets combined. Indiana exports to Canada totaled \$8.1 billion in 2009;*

*Whereas, Indiana's bilateral trade with Canada for 2009 was valued at \$12.6 billion;*

*Whereas, Canada remained Indiana's largest export market for the ninth consecutive year in 2009, purchasing 37% of the state's worldwide shipments;*

*Whereas, An estimated 162,300 jobs in Indiana depend on trade with Canada;*

*Whereas, Canadians made more than 204,600 visits to Indiana during 2009, spending more than \$53 million;*

*Whereas, Approximately 54% of United States-Canada trade moves by truck and about half (approximately 45.5%)*



*of the trucks use the Detroit and Port Huron border crossings;*

*Whereas, Plans are underway to build an additional international border crossing system over the Detroit River, known as the Detroit River International Crossing, consisting of a six-lane bridge with three lanes bound for the United States and three lanes bound for Canada, connected to the new United States and Canadian inspection plazas;*

*Whereas, The Detroit River International Crossing will have an enormous economic impact on the U.S. economy, creating 10,000 construction jobs and more than 30,000 indirect jobs during the construction period in the United States;*

*Whereas, The State of Michigan and Transport Canada are pursuing a public-private partnership to finance and deliver the Detroit River International Crossing;*

*Whereas, The partnership will be in the form of a long-term concession agreement that will seek to maximize private sector participation and financing by allowing for public ownership of the bridge and private financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the bridge while protecting the public interest;*

*Whereas, The State of Michigan needs legislative authority to enter into the public-private partnership and to enter into an agreement with Canada to build the Detroit River International Crossing;*

*Whereas, A modern border crossing that can support the ever increasing amount of trade and travel between the United States and Canada is essential to the economies of Indiana, the Midwest, and the United States;*

*Whereas, That members of the Indiana General Assembly do hereby fully support the new Detroit River International*



*Crossing project, and any legislation that will allow for its construction and creation of a public-private partnership to finance and deliver the new border crossing;*

*Whereas, That the members of the Indiana General Assembly encourage initiatives that bring investments in communities hosting the Detroit River International Crossing project and the entire multi-state region, including job creation, environmental improvement, increased trade, and other benefits that improve the quality of life of residents; and*

*Whereas, That the members of the Indiana General Assembly recognize that the Detroit River International Crossing will have an immeasurable economic impact on the State of Indiana and will lay the foundation for future productivity, growth, and economic stability of local economies within Indiana: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly supports the
- 2 construction of the new Detroit River International Crossing.
- 3           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Rick Snyder, the Governor of
- 5 Michigan; Brian Calley, the President of the Michigan Senate;
- 6 Gretchen Whitmer, the Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate; Jase
- 7 Bolger, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives; Richard
- 8 Hammel, the Minority Leader of the Michigan House of
- 9 Representatives; Roy Norton, the Consul General of Canada in Detroit,
- 10 Michigan; and Daniel Ujcz, the Economic Relations and Regulatory
- 11 Officer at the Consulate General of Canada in Detroit, Michigan.

